

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE N.V. RAMANA

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W.P. No. 17134 of 2007

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Oral order:

Pursuant to the notification dated 06.06.2006, and the revised notification dated 10.07.2006, issued by the respondents for appointment to the post of Contract Junior Lineman, the petitioners submitted their applications. It is the case of the petitioners that though they submitted their applications within the prescribed time and though they possess the requisite qualifications, the respondents have not called them for interview, which is illegal and arbitrary. Hence, they filed the present writ petition.

The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioners are fully qualified and eligible to be appointed as Contract Junior Linemen, and the action of the respondents in not calling the petitioners for interview is illegal and arbitrary. He further submitted that though the respondents conducted the interviews to other candidates, they have not announced the results of the interview so far, and they are going to conduct interviews to candidates, who have approached this Court and obtained interim orders, and submitted that the respondents be directed to conduct interviews to the petitioners also.

On the other hand, the learned Standing Counsel for the respondent-APNPDCL, on instructions, submitted that the interviews are already over, and as such, no relief can be granted to the petitioners.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Standing Counsel for the respondent-APNPDCL.

Merely because the respondents have not released the results of the interviews, is no ground to direct the respondents to conduct interviews to the petitioners, and more so when the interviews concluded long back. Had the petitioners approached this Court before the interviews were concluded, then they would have been justified in seeking directions to the respondents to interview them for appointment to the post of Contract Junior Lineman, but since they have approached the Court long after the interviews concluded, no positive direction can be given to the respondents to conduct interviews to the petitioners for selection to the post of Contract Junior

Lineman.

Hence, the writ petition is dismissed. However, if the respondents are going to conduct interviews to candidates, who have approached this Court earlier and obtained interim orders, as contended by the petitioners, then the respondents shall consider the cases of the petitioners also along with the said candidates. No costs.

N.V. RAMANA, J.

Dated: 10th August, 2007.

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